

**Asian Advisory Council Meeting**  
**Edith Mitko, Director**  
**Monday, August 14, 2006**  
**Prepared by Carol Shifflett**  
**MINUTES**

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** County Complex, 2001 South State Street, South Bldg, Room 1002

**PRESENT:** Nadeem Ahmed, Mila Baldazo, Kyum Chon, Karen Kwan, Maung, Maung, Hannah Phan, Kheng Ty, John Vang, Hao Zhu, Devang Dhruv, (Proxy); Safi (Sheikh) Safiullah, Edith Mitko-Director; Carol Shifflett – Administrative Assistant

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**EXCUSED/ABSENT:** Karie-Minaga-Miya, Pema Chagzoetsang

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**Welcome:**

- Mila Baldazo opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with introductions.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Nadeem moved to approve June minutes. Maung seconded. Motion carried.

**Director's Report:**

- OEA will co-sponsor a Math S.T.A.R. Conference with Weber State University and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority on Sept. 9, 2006 at Weber State University. This conference will replace the G.I.F.T. Conference.
- Special showing of "Citizen Tanouye", August 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception at 6:00 p.m.
- Ethnic Business Summit, August 29, 2006 at Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus. The Utah Ethnic Chambers of Commerce Grand Networking Event will follow this event at the Panache Restaurant from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Council members are still researching the Chamness Relocation Service.

**Discussion & Committee Reports**

- **Meeting Location**
  - Council members have decided to continue holding Asian Advisory Council meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in room N4010 at the SLC County Government Complex. Meetings times 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- **Library Reading**
  - Discussed using the Chapman Library to read to community children and distribute literacy backpacks.
- **Team Effectiveness Workshop**
  - Saturday September 30, 2006 at the Utah Business Alliance Building.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Bangladesh** – Safi informed the Council that there are less than 100 Bangladesh in the community, including Provo and Ogden. Most are employed. There are a few finishing their degree. A premature baby was born to parents without health insurance. State law mandates that the employer is bound to pay insurance. Three people were laid off from AOL last month. Edith will provide information about placement specialist, Jenny Sorenson and Leo Gonzales.
- **Korean** – Kyum Chon is a member of the Korean Society Board. Aug 15, 2006 was an independence holiday to celebrate the freedom from colonization of Japan. He will report back to the Council about the Korean Culture Camp at the next meeting, and provide Carol with the name of the Korean newspaper.
- **Vietnamese** – Hannah reported that the Vietnamese has a parade on July 24, 2006 and a summer festival concert on July 26, 2006. The police arrested 21-24 Vietnamese for illegal marriages. Edith informed Council members that they should clear any media interactions with Claudia Nakano, Director of Communication for DCC, at any time they are not comfortable with the press contacting them.
- **Pakistani** – Nadeem reported that there will be a free event at the University of Utah on Saturday, Aug 26, 2006, at 6:30 p.m.
- **Hmong** - John Vang reported that this year is the Hmong's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He was selected as the Chairman of the fundraising and the goal is set to raise approximately \$20,000. The date for the event has not been determined as of yet.
- **Chinese** –Karen reported that the Asian singing group, **At Last**, who sang at Utah's Asian Festival 3-4 years ago, are semi finalist on the television show, America's Got Talent. Hao reported that there will be an Eastern Cultural night at Cottonwood High School on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006. Admission is \$3.00.
- **Asian India** – DeVang reported that they celebrated Independence Day on Aug. 15, 2006.

- **Burmese** – Maung reported that the Buddhist Lent goes from July 9<sup>th</sup> – October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The Burmese community is also contributing to the society at large by coaching soccer for children ages 9 – 10 years of age in SLC and Davis County.
- **Filipino** – Mila's report: Aug 25<sup>th</sup> PAUFU End of Summer Dance, Red Lion, 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. \$20.00 per person. Aug 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> "Consulate on Wings" in Utah. Philippine Consul General, director of Tourism and the Trade Commissioner will be in Utah for consular services, and to promote Trade and Tourism in the Philippines. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Consular services at the Red Lion from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Exhibits and consular services at the SLC Main Library, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. No host lunch at Boondock, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> Utah Alliance of Filipino Communities meeting 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. SLC Main Library. Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Bear Lake Camping.
- **Next Meeting:** September 18, 2006, Monday September 18, 2006, SLC County Government Complex, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 6: 25 p.m. Nadeem moved to adjourn the meeting, Maung seconded. Motion carried.